

Welcome back. Hope that you have all had a fabulous Christmas with your families and are ready for the exciting spring term ahead! It is going to be a fantastic term with some amazing topics to learn about.

Literacy

During this half term, Years 3 and 4 will be working on non-chronological reports and writing a Greek Myth. Later in the term the Literacy work will be based on mythical creatures in the film 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them'. Children will immerse themselves in learning about different mythical creatures and then go on to write about them. Drama activities will enhance their knowledge and understanding of different beasts and where in the mythical world they came from. We will be using the 'Talk for Writing' approach in our work. Comprehension activities will be based on Mythical Creatures and or Harry Potter and Guided Reading will take place weekly in classes.

Please continue to read the exciting new reading scheme books at home, asking your child questions about the texts. We have continued to buy a wider variety and selection of books to cater for all the children's interests.

Numeracy

Once again this term, the children will recall number and place value, rounding numbers to the nearest whole number. We will look at fractions and how we can add and subtract them, thinking about improper fractions, mixed numbers and work on basic decimals. The children will further enhance their understanding of shape, space and measure work. Practical and investigative maths is a key part of our curriculum and so all children will get to use practical maths in their everyday learning. Children will also look at the Mastery approach in Maths and undertake reasoning activities in order to help develop a greater depth of understanding of mathematical processes. Children will be asked to learn their Times Tables weekly, using Rock Stars Time Tables. **Please encourage children to continue to learn their multiplication tables and use Rock Star Superstars for their weekly tests.**

Science:

The Year 3 children will about Animals and Humans, delving into the things all living things need to live and their physical attributes.

The Year 4 children will learn about 'Living Things and their Habitats' where they will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.

Geography/ History:

Our topic is called Fantastic Beasts. The World of Ancient Greece was full of fantastic creatures. The children will learn about Greece in both ancient and modern times. There will be a focus on the geography of modern Greece and a historical study of some of the key factors of Ancient Greece and how they gave rise to the creation of Greek Myths.

ICT:

The Year 3 children will explore computer simulations and why they are used. They will also continue to develop their basic understanding of block coding. The Year 4 children will design and make an on-screen prototype of a computer-controlled toy. They will be taught to understand the different forms of inputs and outputs possible for their prototype such as sensors, switches, motors, lights and speakers.



RE:

Year 3 and 4 will learn about the religion of Islam, namely their fundamental beliefs, religious stories, festivals and similarities to other religions.

Design and Technology:

In Year 3 the children will use papier-mâché to create Greek style pottery with authentic patterns and decoration.

Year 4 will look at the use of siege machines in the Ancient Greek world. They will then design and make their own siege machine.

Art:

Year 3 will investigate mythical beast artworks and using them to develop sketching techniques and shading using different media. They will also study colour and how it plays an important part in conveying temperature and use preliminary studies to create an artwork.

In Year 4 the children will be designing and making a papier-mâché door knocker. This will be styled in the likeness of a mythical beast. Later in the term they will be using textiles to create black vector representations of Ancient Greek mythical creatures.

Music:



Using the Charanga scheme of work the children will develop their singing and instrument playing skills. This includes looking at standard musical notation and musical theory. The year 4 pupils also have the excitement of learning the ukulele this term 10 weeks of music tuition from the music service fully paid for by the school!

P.E.

Games and PE lessons will be on Monday and Friday for Year 4 and Monday and Wednesday for Year 3. Please make sure you have the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons, including socks for trainer. If the children do not have their PE kits, letters will be sent home. The children will be learning various fundamental skills and then applying them for different games and activities.



PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education):

In PSHE, we will be using Apples Friends as part of the TAMHS project. The children will receive weekly PSHE lessons and will also receive a class assembly each week- these will be linked to our Terms Values.

Guided Reading and Spellings:

The children will undertake guided reading sessions every week. The children will be put into Guided Reading groups. We have recently bought in to a new spelling scheme called No Nonsense Spelling. The children will undertake spelling skills each day. We will continue to ask for your support and encouragement at home to help your child learn their spellings.

Homework:

Each week on a Wednesday, your child will be given a piece of homework to complete and hand in on the following Monday. This homework may be Literacy, Numeracy or topic based. Please encourage your children to take the time to carry out high quality homework that is completed by themselves. We want to know what your child can do and how imaginative they can be with the tasks set. Children will also be asked to complete weekly Reading, Spelling and Rock Star Times Tables homework.

How can you help at home?

- RM Easi Maths
- Rock Stars Times Tables
- Regular reading
- More talk- less technology
- More technology- less TV
- DB Primary
- Purple Mash

Years 3 and 4



Curriculum

Fantastic

Beasts